GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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FEE STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE MEDICAL COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted a comparative study of the existing fee structure of the government and private medical colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Hon`ble Supreme Court has delivered any judgement regarding fee structure by these institutions;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in compliance with the said judgement;

(e) whether there is any provision of relaxation in fee for the wards of Below Poverty Line (BPL) people in these institutions; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (f) Till TMA Pai judgement, the Admission Process and fee structure were regulated by the Principles laid down by Unnikrishnan judgement by which the maximum fees to be charged by any Private Institution is fixed by Central Government and admission to seats other than management seats as determined, was made through Combined Entrance Test. In August 2005, the Hon`ble Supreme Court of India has pronounced its judgement in the Appeal (Civil) 5041of 2005 - P.A. Inamdar & Others Versus State of Maharastra while inter-alia holding that it is not feasible to provide any Govt. Quota/ reservation in Private Institutions and each Institute is free to devise its own fee structure and directed the Central Government to frame a Central Legislation on the issue. Accordingly this Ministry has drafted `The Private Medical Education Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Fixation of Fee) Bill 2005`. At present the proposed bill has been circulated among state governments for their comments.